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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE

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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS DISTRICT DIRECTORS. AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION
OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON DECEMBER 7, 1992, NOTICE OF ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN BENEFITS WHICH CONSTITUTE SUBSIDIES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW ARE BEING PROVIDED TO THE PRODUCERS, MANUFACTURERS, OR EXPORTERS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE.
- 2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS, CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS. CONSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOUR SEPARATE "CLASSES OR Message Date: 12/09/1992 Message Number: 3344116 Page 2 of 8

KINDS" OF MERCHANDISE, AS OUTLINED BELOW. ALTHOUGH THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTS) SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS PROCEEDING IS DISPOSITIVE.

CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS:

THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDE HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS, OF SOLID RECTANGULAR (OTHER THAN SQUARE) CROSS SECTION, OF RECTANGULAR SHAPE, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED NOR COATED WITH METAL. WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NONMETALLIC SUBSTANCES. IN COILS. OR IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS WHICH ARE LESS THAN 4.75 MILLIMETERS IN THICKNESS AND OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS, AS CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE IN THE HTS UNDER ITEM NUMBERS 7208.11.0000, 7208.12.0000, 7208.13.1000, 7208.13.5000, 7208.14.1000, 7208.14.5000, 7208.21.1000, 7208.21.5000, 7208.22.1000, 7208.22.5000, 7208.23.1000, 7208.23.5030, 7208.23.5090, 7208.24.1000, 7208.24.5030, 7208.24.5090, 7208.34.1000, 7208.34.5000, 7208.35.1000, 7208.35.5000, 7208.44.0000, 7208.45.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.12.0000, 7211.19.1000, 7211.19.5000, 7211.22.0090, 7211.29.1000, 7211.29.3000, 7211.29.5000, 7211.29.7030, 7211.29.7060, 7211.29.7090, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, AND 7212.50.0000.

CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS:

THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDE COLD-ROLLED (COLD-REDUCED) CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS, OF SOLID RECTANGULAR (OTHER THAN SQUARE) CROSS SECTION, OF RECTANGULAR SHAPE, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED NOR COATED WITH METAL, WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NONMETALLIC SUBSTANCES, IN COILS, OR IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS WHICH, IF OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MILLIMETERS, ARE OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS OR IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MILLIMETERS OR MORE ARE OF

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A WIDTH WHICH EXCEEDS 150 MILLIMETERS AND MEASURES AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS, AS CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE IN THE HTS UNDER ITEM NUMBERS 7209.11.0000, 7209.12.0030, 7209.12.0090, 7209.13.0030, 7209.13.0030, 7209.13.0090, 7209.14.0030, 7209.14.0090, 7209.21.0000, 7209.22.0000, 7209.23.0000, 7209.24.1000, 7209.24.5000, 7209.31.0000, 7209.32.0000, 7209.33.0000, 7209.34.0000, 7209.41.0000, 7209.42.0000, 7209.43.0000, 7209.44.0000, 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.30.1030, 7211.30.1090, 7211.30.3000, 7211.30.5000, 7211.41.1000, 7211.41.7030, 7211.41.7060, 7211.41.7090, 7211.49.1030, 7211.49.1090, 7211.49.3000, 7211.49.5030, 7211.49.5060, 7211.49.5090,

CERTAIN CORROSION-RESISTANT CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS:

7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, AND 7212.50.0000.

THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDE FLAT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL PRODUCTS OF, SOLID RECTANGULAR (OTHER THAN SQUARE) CROSS SECTION, OF RECTANGULAR SHAPE, EITHER CLAD, PLATED, OR COATED WITH CORROSION-RESISTANT METALS SUCH AS ZINC, ALUMINUM, OR ZINC-, ALUMINUM-, NICKEL-, OR IRON-BASED ALLOYS, WHETHER OR NOT CORRUGATED OR PAINTED, VARNISHED OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NONMETALLIC SUBSTANCES IN ADDITION TO THE METALLIC COATING. IN COIL, OR IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS WHICH, IF OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MILLIMETERS, ARE OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS OR IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MILLIMETERS OR MORE ARE OF A WIDTH WHICH EXCEEDS 150 MILLIMETERS AND MEASURES AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS, AS CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE IN THE HTS UNTER ITEM NUMBERS 7210.31.0000, 7210.39.0000, 7210.41.0000, 7210.49.0030, 7210.49.0090, 7210.60.0000, 7210.70.6030, 7210.70.6060, 7210.70.6090, 7210.90.1000, 7210.90.6000, 7210.90.9000, 7212.21.0000, 7212.29.0000, 7212.30.1030, 7212.30.1090, 7212.30.3000, 7212.30.5000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, AND 7212.60.0000. EXCLUDED FROM THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE FLAT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS EITHER PLATED OR COATED WITH TIN, LEAD, CHROMIUM, CHROMIUM OXIDES, BOTH TIN AND Message Date: 12/09/1992 Message Number: 3344116 Page 4 of 8

LEAD ("TERNE PLATE"), OR BOTH CHROMIUM AND CHROMIUM OXIDES ("TIN-FREE STEEL").

CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH CARBON STEEL PLATE:

THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDE HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL UNIVERSAL MILL PLATES (I.E., FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS ROLLED ON FOUR FACES OR IN A CLOSED BOX PASS, OF A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MILLIMETERS BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1.250 MILLIMETERS AND OF A THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN 4 MILLIMETERS, NOT IN COILS AND WITHOUT PATTERNS IN RELIEF) OF SOLID RECTANGULAR (OTHER THAN SQUARE) CROSS SECTION, OF RECTANGULAR SHAPE, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED NOR COATED WITH METAL, WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NONMETALLIC SUBSTANCES: AND CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL

FLAT PRODUCTS IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, OF SOLID RECTANGULAR (OTHER THAN SQUARE) CROSS SECTION, OF RECTANGULAR SHAPE, HOT ROLLED NEITHER CLAD PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL, WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NONMETALLIC SUBSTANCES, 4.75 MILLIMETERS OR MORE IN THICKNESS AND OF A WIDTH WHICH EXCEEDS 150 MILLIMETERS AND MEASURES AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS, AS CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE IN THE HTS UNDER ITEM NUMBERS 7208.31.0000, 7208.32.0000, 7208.33.1000, 7208.33.5000, 7208.41.0000, 7208.42.0000, 7208.43.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.11.0000, 7211.12.0000, 7211.22.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, AND 7212.50.0000.

3. THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE WHICH ARE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1992, AND SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR BOND FOR SUCH ENTRIES OF THE MERCHANDISE IN THE AMOUNT OF:

MANUFACTURES/PRODUCERS/ CUSTOMS ID MARGIN/

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CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS
COUNTRY WIDE C-427-206-000 26.47

CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS
COUNTRY WIDE C-427-207-000 26.47

CERTAIN CORROSION-RESISTANT CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS
COUNTRY WIDE C-427-208-000 26.47

CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH CARBON STEEL PLATE
COUNTRY WIDE C-427-209-000 26.47

4. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASE
HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-427-810. THE CASE
NUMBER ENCOMPASSES ALL FOUR CLASSES OR KINDS OF MERCHANDISE UNDER

INVESTIGATION. FOR CUSTOMS REPORTING PURPOSES EACH CLASS OR KIND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A SEPARATE CASE NUMBER: HOT-ROLLED(C-427-206); COLD-ROLLED (C-427-207); CORROSION-RESISTANT (C-427-208); AND PLATE (C-427-209).

- 5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION. OTHER AGENCY BRANCH VIA E-MAIL BY USING ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB". THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD REFER THEIR QUESTIONS TO JULIE ANNE OSGOOD OR SUE STRUMBEL, OFFICE OF COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE: (202) 482-0167 OR (202) 482-1442 RESPECTIVELY.
- 6. THE AD/CVD MODULE MAY NOT BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THESE CHANGES UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1992. THEREFORE, ABI ENTRIES OF THIS MERCHANDISE SUBMITTED AS TYPE 03 ENTRIES WILL BE REJECTED BY ACS. ENTRI ES REJECTED FOR THIS REASON SHOULD BE RE-SUBMITTED ON DECEMBER 14,1992. LATE-FILE PENALTIES DUE TO THESE SYSTEM REJECTS WILL BE WAIVED.

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7. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party

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